

Professor Smith's appreciation of nature, commitment to the preservation of the environment, and love for CSUDH, the Memorial Garden will serve as a lasting legacy to this extraordinary father, husband, activist, scholar, and teacher. Supported by his widow, June Smith, her family, and many friends, this garden will provide, as June says, "a place where people can have quiet contemplation and appreciate nature."

Greg Smith was a city of San Pedro resident, a leader in my district who became a faculty member at CSUDH in 1968 because he wanted to give back to his community. He taught with intelligence and passion, but most importantly he taught from the heart.

A noted scholar and educator, Greg took his students all over Los Angeles so that they could better understand the demographics and issues of the different communities within LA County. Greg was a political geographer who not only studied how the shifting political landscape affected the world, he became actively involved in organizations such as the California Coastal Commission and Los Angeles Tree Commission in order to influence the preservation of the environment in California.

Greg retired from CSUDH in 1992 after having inspired and touched thousands of students, staff and faculty colleagues. It was 5 years after his retirement, while hiking in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, that Greg died of an apparent heart attack at the age of 66.

Greg was a role model to those who knew him and inspired many to continue his efforts to preserve the environment. His research on environmental stability, preservation of mountain tops, land surface design and river water containment contributed greatly to the Nation's knowledge base and ability to preserve agricultural and natural resources.

Greg met his wife June, a professor of English at Harbor Community College, while they were undergraduates at Reed College in Portland, OR. They have been residents and active members of the San Pedro community since the late 1960s and have two children, Gillia and Cyrus, and a grandson, Hudson Gregory.

I am proud that Greg Smith was my constituent. I am delighted that his family and CSUDH will be honoring the memory of this extraordinary individual with the Greg Smith Memorial Garden.

CONGRATULATING PATIENCE ANN DAVIS ON HER ADMISSION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2007

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Patience Ann Davis on her admission to the North Carolina Bar. After years of hard work and dedication to her studies, Ms. Davis will now begin pursuing a career in the legal field.

Ms. Davis attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as an undergraduate. During her time at UNC, Ms. Davis was active in campus activities and academic life. Upon graduation from UNC, Ms. Davis enrolled in classes at the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University to pursue her Juris Doctor degree.

She completed this program in the spring of this year, and successfully passed the bar exam soon after graduation.

As a Member of Congress, I have seen firsthand how the law can be used as a force for good. I look forward to following the career of Ms. Davis, as she uses her knowledge and expertise in the law to serve others and to pursue legal and social justice.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Patience Ann Davis.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. ROLAND R. PINEAU

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the extraordinary life of aviation electronics technician Chief Roland R. Pineau, and to mourn his passing upon the 40th anniversary of his death.

Born on July 6, 1929, Chief Pineau devoted his life to God, family and our country in the U.S. Navy. In 1946, at the age of 17, Chief Pineau embarked on a 21-year naval career, which included service in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. After more than 20 years of service, Chief Pineau volunteered for a third tour of duty in Vietnam where he was stationed as an aviation technician chief on an E-1B aircraft commonly known as "Willy Fudd." On October 8, 1967, during a combat support flight mission the "Willy Fudd" went down 14 miles south of DaNang, South Vietnam on a steep mountain slope. Chief Pineau and 4 other crew members were listed as Prisoners of War/Missing in Action. For his courage and bravery, Chief Pineau was awarded 3 Air Medals, 2 Gold Stars, 2 National Defense Awards, a Korean Service Medal, China Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and a Navy Commendation Ribbon.

And there his story remained, until November 2006, when communist Vietnam announced its recovery of Chief Pineau's remains from the Willy Fudd's crash site. After 40 years, on October 9, 2007, having finally returned home, Chief Pineau was formally laid to rest by his loved ones, who never succumbed to their grief and faithfully fought for this day on his behalf. Chief Pineau is survived by his parents, Robert and Elizabeth Pineau, his brother, Dennis Pineau, and his beloved wife, Jackie Pineau. A beloved and noble man—an American—Chief Pineau will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, Chief Roland Pineau is remembered as a brave soldier, a loyal friend, and a dedicated husband. Today, as we bid him farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and eternal sacrifice to our community and country.

CONGRATULATING KIRSTIE E. WADE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Miss Kirstie E. Wade of Argyle High School in Argyle, Texas, for being chosen as a semifinalist in the 44th Annual National Achievement Scholarship Program. It is an honor to have such a qualified student in the 26th District of Texas.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program began in 1964 as a way to provide scholarships to promising black students. Since 1964, almost 28,000 students have been provided with scholarships totaling more than \$88 million.

Miss Wade was one of 114 semifinalists from the State of Texas. She was chosen based on her Preliminary SAT scores. Finalists will be chosen based on abilities, achievements, and potential for success. The scholarship winners will be announced in April of 2008.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Miss Kirstie E. Wade and her family for her academic achievements at Argyle High School. Her dedication and commitment to her education will lead her to great things. I wish her the best of luck with the remainder of the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

IN HONOR OF MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I have the distinct honor and privilege of representing California's 17th congressional district and, on behalf of all the residents of the central coast, I would like to commend to my colleagues' attention the 35th Anniversary of Monterey-Salinas Transit.

The Monterey Peninsula Public Transit System Joint Powers Agency was formed by the cities of Carmel, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside and the county of Monterey on October 1, 1972. As the predecessor of Monterey-Salinas Transit, it served the Monterey Peninsula area, and later expanded to provide service to the cities of Marina, Salinas, and Watsonville, now serving all of northern Monterey County with new connections into Santa Clara County, including downtown San Jose. It is the foresight of the MST member jurisdictions that has enabled the transit service to be on the cutting edge of technology and service, with ridership of nearly five million passengers each year, including a paratransit van service for disabled customers, a Waterfront Area Visitor Express service for tourists, and the innovative Carmel Valley Grapevine Express.

Not only does MST play a significant role in the transportation system of the Monterey Bay region, but it helps meet the basic transportation needs of thousands of constituents. A majority of MST passengers are either elderly or low-income. More than two out of every five